

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING OUTREACH BY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 17b-105d of the general statutes is repealed and
- 2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):
- 3 The Department of Social Services, in conjunction with the member
- 4 agencies of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council, may work with
- 5 local governments, institutions of higher education, community action
- 6 agencies and other entities to continue and expand efforts, within
- 7 available appropriations, to enroll eligible individuals in the
- 8 supplemental nutrition assistance program and to enroll eligible
- 9 supplemental nutrition assistance participants in education,
- 10 employment and training activities. The Commissioner of Social
- 11 Services shall designate community action agencies, as defined in
- 12 section 17b-885, and other community-based organizations as centers
- 13 for the provision of the following services to expedite the receipt of
- 14 program benefits by eligible individuals under the supplemental
- 15 nutrition assistance program: (1) The acceptance and screening of

- 16 program applications; and (2) outreach to program applicants and
- 17 participants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2011	17b-105d

Statement of Purpose:

To expedite the receipt of benefits by participants in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, to maximize federal funds and to reduce the state's error rate by authorizing community action agencies to be intake and outreach centers for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]